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An annual school bond survey for New Jersey reveals that while the state's voters had approved 60 percent of the school bond issues in 1998, the communities clearly could not meet the state's multi- billion dollar construction needs on their own. Further, communities with high property taxes had fewer bond elections and approved less of them than communities with lower property tax burdens, and property tax rates was the influential factor independent of the size of the bond issue. Proposals to help stimulate the number of bond elections and approvals across the state include initiating property tax reform; state financing of school construction programs; and educational impact fees, i.e., allowing municipalities to charge developers fees to cover the costs of school improvements made necessary by new residential construction. Statistical results of the New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Bond Referenda Survey for 1998 are provided. (GR)

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NJSBA Releases 1998 School Bond Election Report—

RESULTS SHOW NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE, TAX REFORM

TRENTON, February 17, 1999—New Jersey voters approved 60% of the school bond issues on the ballot in 1998, an increase over the previous year, the New Jersey School Boards Association reported today. Positive voter reaction to a large number of smaller proposals—under $10 million—contributed to the higher passing rate, the Association found. At the same time, high property tax rates continued to hinder approval in some communities.

NJSBA's second annual survey of bond referenda shows that 45 (60%) of the 75 school construction/facility plans on the ballot in 1998 gained voter approval, up from 53.3% in 1997. Among districts with property tax rates at or above the state average, the passing rate was significantly lower than that for the state as a whole.

"Even with the overall increase in bond approvals, it's clear that communities cannot meet our state's multi-billion construction needs on their own," said NJSBA President Charles V. Reilly. "Our kids can't get by in classrooms designed for the 20th or, in some cases, 19th century.

"High property tax rates present a roadblock to voter approval of necessary school facilities," he continued. "When we weighed the bond election results against certain criteria, such as community wealth and socio-economic status, no clear trends emerged. That was not the case when we evaluated the results in terms of property tax rates."

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Fewer bond elections (18, compared to 57) took place in districts with average or higher-than-average property tax rates than in communities with below-average tax rates. In the higher-tax communities, voters approved half of the proposals, compared to more than 63% in lower-tax school districts—a difference of 13 percentage points.

The size of the bond issues was also a dominant factor. Forty (53.3%) proposals statewide were priced at less than $10 million. Voters approved 28 (70%) of these plans. In high-tax communities, the proportion of proposals in the "under $10 million" range and the results of those elections were roughly the same as for the state as a whole. This indicates that property tax rates were a factor, independent of the size of the bond proposals, according to Reilly.

In reviewing the 1998 bond election results, NJSBA also made the following observations:

- 21 of the 75 bond elections represented second, third or (in one case) fourth attempts. In 12 of these cases, voters responded "yes." Nine of the 12 successful districts had pared down their proposals from earlier versions.
- Voters approved $487.2 million in facility spending, out of a proposed $893.9 million.
- The number of bond elections—75—was the same in 1997 and 1998.
- Voter turnout for 1998 bond referenda was 26.64%; the turnout for the April 22, 1998 annual school board and budget election was 14.2%.
- Fall was the most popular time of year to conduct bond elections, with 41 proposals on the ballot during the last three months of 1998. December was the month with the greatest number of bond referenda, 24.

Demographic trends and educational needs will place more pressure on New Jersey to build new schools, Reilly noted.

The U.S. Department of Education projects that New Jersey's public school enrollment will continue to grow through 2006, the NJSBA president pointed out. Moreover, many school districts will need major structural improvements to accommodate the technology needed to meet the state's new curriculum standards. In addition, aging school buildings need replacement or structural repairs.

The New Jersey School Boards Association is advocating several initiatives to enable the state to meet its school facility needs:

- *Property Tax Reform*—New Jersey relies far too heavily on property taxes to fund education. This overreliance burdens citizens on limited incomes, resulting in their opposition

to school spending plans. NJSBA advocates a statewide reduction in school property taxes, matched dollar-for-dollar by a shift to a permanent state revenue source. The state can achieve this goal by providing direct relief to property taxpayers—through tax rebates or credits. Such a program would enable citizens to consider school spending plans objectively. Governor Whitman's proposed property tax rebate plan is a step in the right direction, according to Reilly. However, NJSBA believes the program needs a permanent, dedicated state revenue source—an element now missing from the Whitman proposal.

- *State-Financed School Construction Program*—The Whitman administration has proposed an unprecedented $5.3-billion investment in school construction. If implemented correctly, all communities will benefit from the plan. NJSBA has been communicating with the administration and Legislature in an attempt to make sure schools built through this program are adequate for our children's educational needs.

- *Educational Impact Fees*—NJSBA is working with the state League of Municipalities to advance school impact fee legislation. Such a law would let municipalities charge developers fees to cover the costs of school improvements made necessary by new residential construction.

"State finance and tax policy can influence bond election results. But like all local elections, bond referenda are dominated by local issues," Reilly explained.

"Without unified support of the local school board, a bond issue's chance for success diminishes considerably. In addition, opposition for municipal officials can have a negative impact.

The enthusiasm of the school community, especially parents, is essential, according to Reilly. "Parents want good schools for their kids. But they also have other financial obligations, such as mortgages and college tuition. They have to believe the plan is educationally sound and financially prudent."

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The 1998 bond survey represents the second such effort by the New Jersey School Boards Association. It collected information for its report through a survey of school administrators in the districts that conducted bond referenda in 1998. The project represents the only compilation of statewide school bond election results.

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The New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. Established more than 80 years ago, NJSBA represents the education and related health and safety interests of New Jersey's 1.2 million public school students and advocates the positions of the state's local school districts. The Association also provides inservice training and technical assistance to the state's 4,800 local board of education members. School board members, who serve without compensation, are the largest group of elected and appointed public officials in the state.

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Summary:

January - December 1998

Number of Bond Elections Statewide: **75**

Proposals Approved: **45** (60%)

Total Spending *Proposed*: **$893.919 million**

Total Spending *Approved*: **$487.215 million**

Average Voter Turnout: **26.64%**

Second/Third Try. During 1998, 21 school districts submitted bond referenda to voters for a second, third or (in one case) fourth time after having suffered defeats since June 1996.

- Twelve of these 21 districts met with success—three of them after submitting the question to voters a third time. Nine of the 12 successful districts indicated that the bond issues approved by voters carried lower costs than earlier proposals.

- Nine of the 21 districts suffered defeats on their second, third and, in one case, fourth try.

Overall, 22 districts either met defeat in their only bond election during 1998 or in multiple attempts that same year. Six of these districts plan to resubmit their proposals to voters, five of them at lower cost. Eleven say they have no plans to hold another bond referendum. In three other districts, plans are under discussion. (Two districts did not respond to the specific question.)

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Equalized Property Tax Rates

	PASSED	DEFEATED
Below State Average	**63.2% (36)**	**36.8% (21)**
Above State Average	**50% (9)**	**50% (9)**

State average equalized property tax rate in 1998: $2.52.

The table above shows the percentage (and number) of bond referenda passed and defeated according to the community's equalized property tax rate. The 1998 equalized property tax rates were provided by the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

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Amount of Bond Proposal

	PASSED	DEFEATED
Above $30M	57.14% (4)	42.86% (3)
$16M - $30M	50% (4)	50% (4)
$10M - $15M	45% (9)	55% (11)
$5M - $9M	72.7% (8)	27.3% (3)
Under $5M	68.96% (20)	31.04% (9)

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Bond Election Dates—1998

Month	Number of Bond Referenda
January	6
February	9
March	3
April	3
May	5
June	2
July	1
August	—
September	5
October	16
November	1
December	24

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Socio-Economic Status

	PASSED	DEFEATED
J	40% (2)	60% (3)
I	63.2% (12)	36.8% (7)
GH	77.8% (7)	22.2% (2)
FG	70% (7)	30% (3)
DE	88.9% (8)	11.1% (1)
CD	28.6% (4)	71.4% (10)
B	100% (3)	—
A	50% (2)	50% (2)

The above table breaks down bond election results according to the socio-economic status of school districts. Socio-economic status is based upon the District Factor Groupings developed by the New Jersey State Department of Education. Elements include the salaries and education levels of the citizens within a community. "J" indicates those school districts with the highest socio-economic status. "A" indicates the lowest.

Property Wealth/Personal Income

DISTRICT WEALTH	BONDS PASSED	BONDS DEFEATED	PERCENT APPROVED
High	14	11	56%
Middle/High	12	8	60%
Low/Middle	8	6	57.1%
Low	11	5	68.8%

The above chart shows bond referenda results according to the amount of taxable property per pupil within the community and personal income per pupil.

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County: **Bergen**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Cliffside Park	12/8	Addition to School No. 6	$5.4	20%	**PASSED:** 1,187 - Yes 1,048 - No
Cresskill	1/27	Additions/alterations to two elem. schools and the high school	$3.993	n/a	**PASSED:** 1,081 - Yes 879 - No
East Rutherford	5/12	Two new elementary schools to replace two existing schools	$13	25%	**DEFEATED:** 351 - Yes 728 - No
East Rutherford	1/98	Consolidation of district Grades Pre-K through 4 into one new building	$10	29%	**DEFEATED:** 491 - Yes 656 - No
Hackensack	9/15	Additions to middle school and one elementary schools, plus major renovations to district schools	$12.943	9.4%	**DEFEATED:** 745 - Yes 847 - No
Haworth	10/13	Connect 2 buildings with a 21,000-sq. ft. addition	$4.395	43%	**PASSED:** 754 - Yes 198 - No
Ho-Ho-Kus	2/24	Renovation/addition	$4.985	56.4%	**DEFEATED:** 532 - Yes 1,074 - No
Ho-Ho-Kus	10/13	Renovation/ expansion	$3.8	36%	**PASSED:** 685 - Yes 336 - No
Paramus	2/10	New construction, renovation, technology	$12.143 (total for both questions)	n/a	*Proposition 1* **PASSED:** 2,298 - Yes 1,401 - No
Paramus					*Proposition 2* **PASSED:** 2,206 - Yes 1,449 - No

[Bergen County results are continued on next page.]

County: Bergen (continued)

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Ridgefield Park	2/3	Renovate, remodel Lincoln School and purchase equipment and supplies for school	$4.099	35%	**PASSED:** 1,175 - Yes 623 - No
Ridgefield Park		Addition to Lincoln School, including purchase of land	$1.696		**PASSED:** 884 - Yes 874 - No
Ridgewood	12/1	Additions and renovations to high schools and Ridge Elementary School; Renovations to Willard Elementary	$19.866 (total for all three questions)	35.3%	*Proposition 1* **PASSED:** 3,479 - Yes 1,916 - No
Ridgewood					*Proposition 2* **PASSED:** 3,104 - Yes 2,185 - No
Ridgewood					*Proposition 3* **PASSED:** 2,976 - Yes 2,303 - No
River Dell Reg.	2/10	Field renovations	$.89	n/a	**DEFEATED:** 865 - Yes 865 - No
River Edge	10/6	Additions, renovations, technology	$6.77	29%	**DEFEATED:** 892 - Yes 981 - No

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County: Burlington

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Evesham Township	12/1	New elementary school; classroom additions to 4 existing elementary schools; new gym, library, music and art rooms, and computer lab renovation for 5th elementary school.	$34.412	21%	**PASSED:** 2,637 - Yes 2,224 - No
Lumberton Township	10/6	Renovations/repairs to elementary and middle school; renovation and addition to second elementary school; improvements to access roads to schools.	$3.1	12%	**PASSED:** 337 - Yes 200 - No
Moorestown	10/8	New school; renovations to middle school; addition to high school	$29.198	31%	**PASSED:** 1,842 - Yes 1,755 - No
Mt. Laurel	12/1	New elementary school; additions to two schools	$19.96	26%	**DEFEATED:** 3,112 - Yes 3,121 - No
Westampton	12/8	Addition to Holly Hills School	$4.25	16%	**PASSED:** 429 - Yes 144 - No
Willingboro	10/13	Replace/repair roofs at 8 schools, administration buildings and maintenance facility; purchase equipment associated with repairs.	$8.501	10%	**DEFEATED:** 944 - Yes 1,058 - No

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County: Camden

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Berlin Township	12/8	Expansion of both elementary schools to accommodate 7th and 8th graders returning to district following dissolution of Lower Camden County Regional.	$4.16	13%	**PASSED:** 341 - Yes 180 - No
Black Horse Pike Regional	9/15	Construction of third high school (approximately $41M); site and technology improvements to existing high schools (approximately $4M).	$44.888	22%	**PASSED:** 4,867 - Yes 4,848 - No
Clementon	10/6	Addition to house 7th and 8th graders returning to district following dissolution of Lower Camden County Regional.	$1.995	n/a	**PASSED:** 280 - Yes 67 - No
Haddonfield	2/24	New K-5 elementary school; renovations and additions.	$14.105	52%	**DEFEATED:** 908 - Yes 3,407 - No
Pennsauken	9/24	New elementary and intermediate schools; additions to 6 other schools; mechanical/ electrical upgrades.	$38.7	5%	**PASSED:** 1,314 - Yes 1,307 - No
Pine Hill	12/8	New middle school to house students reentering district following dissolution of Lower Camden County Regional.	$14	10%	**PASSED:** 447 - Yes 328 - No

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County: **Camden (continued)**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Somerdale	9/28	Addition, renovation, gymnasium, parking	$4.6	23%	**DEFEATED:** 311 - Yes 384 - No
Somerdale	12/8	Addition, renovation, gymnasium, parking	$4.3	25%	**PASSED:** 423 - Yes 333 - No
Sterling	1/6	Addition and renovations/upgrades	$11.6	18%	**DEFEATED:** 522 - Yes 1,198 - No

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County: Cape May

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
North Wildwood	12/9	Addition and renovations	$2.821	25%	**PASSED:** 616 - Yes 375 - No

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County: Essex

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Bloomfield	11/24	Renovations and construction at 9 schools.	$13.733	11%	**PASSED:** 1,218 - Yes 1,005 - No
Roseland	7/30	Addition of 4 classrooms and one computer lab.	$1.5	21%	**PASSED:** 716 - Yes 146 - No

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County: Gloucester

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Harrison Township	12/8	Construction of an upper elementary school; renovation to existing grade 4-6 building.	$9.98	21%	**PASSED:** 632 - Yes 327 - No
Kingsway Regional	May	Expansion and renovation.	$19.5	30%	**DEFEATED:** 847 - Yes 1,446 - No
Kingsway Regional	12/1	Expansion and renovation.	$18.5	37.7%	**PASSED:** 1,629 - Yes 1,141 - No
Pitman	2/5	Renovations and additions to 5 schools. (75% of proposal addressed renovation.)	$9.975	43.2%	**PASSED:** 1,469 - Yes 1,067 - No

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County: Hunterdon

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
West Amwell Township	10/13	Addition, repairs and renovation.	$5.271	53%	**DEFEATED:** 229 - Yes 560 - No

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County: Mercer

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Washington Township	12/15	Renovations and additions to elementary school; renovations to middle school.	$7.054	17%	**PASSED:** 603 - Yes 339 - No

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County: Middlesex

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
South Brunswick Township	12/15	CALL DISTRICT	$20.537	11.1%	*Proposition 1* **DEFEATED:** 1,726 - Yes 1,910 - No
			$1.25		*Proposition 2* **DEFEATED:** 1,504 - Yes 2,107 - No

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County: Monmouth

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Asbury Park	April	Stadium complex improvements.	$1.341	13%	*Proposition 1* **DEFEATED:** 210 - Yes 303 - No
Asbury Park		Improvements to athletic fields at high school, middle school and two elementary schools.	$.950		*Proposition 2* **DEFEATED:** 227 - Yes 275 - No
Asbury Park	Oct.	Stadium complex improvements	$2 (total for both questions)		*Proposition 1* **DEFEATED:** - Yes - No
Asbury Park		Improvements to athletic fields at high school, middle school and two elementary schools.			*Proposition 2* **DEFEATED:** - Yes - No
Manalapan-Englishtown	3/3	New elementary school; major lighting/electrical/ network projects in 5 schools; media centers in 2 schools	$29.8	16%	**PASSED:** 1,653 - Yes 1,464 - No
Rumson	2/17	Additional classrooms; enlargement of cafeteria and gym.	$4.66	33.9%	**PASSED:** 1,167 - Yes 453 - No
Spring Lake	4/21	Addition; renovation; heating-ventilation-air conditioning	$2.6	20%	**DEFEATED:** 374 - Yes 460 - No
Spring Lake	12/1	Addition; renovation; heating-ventilation-air conditioning	$2.8	30%	**DEFEATED:** 512 - Yes 536 - No
Wall Township	5/12	Facilities upgrade.	$39.79	52%	**PASSED:** 3,120 - Yes 3,114 - No

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County: **Morris**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Chatham	12/8	Additions to most district schools	$39.75	52.5%	**DEFEATED:** 2,679 - Yes 4,017 - No
Denville	12/8	Addition of classrooms and core facilities to existing elementary school.	$7.75	13.7%	**PASSED:** 842 - Yes 509 - No
Harding Township	5/12	New gym; 2 music rooms; renovation to old gym; ADA renovations; elevator; convert old media center to classroom.	$4.95	n/a	**PASSED:** 374 - Yes 189 - No
Jefferson Township	12/8	New school for grades 5 and 6; renovations in 5 existing schools due to change in use; additions to 5 schools.	$38.972	29.7%	**DEFEATED:** 908 - Yes 2,325 - No
Mendham Township	4/19	School expansion; renovation; safety compliance.	$12.5	n/a	**DEFEATED:** 521 - Yes 533 - No
Mendham Township	12/8	School expansion; renovation; safety compliance	$11.6	50%	**DEFEATED:** 706 - Yes 1,060 - No
Mine Hill	12/8	Elementary school expansion.	$4	43%	**PASSED:** 512 - Yes 336 - No
Mine Hill		Middle school expansion.	$.8		**PASSED:** 481 - Yes 367 - No

[*Morris County results are continued on next page.*]

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County: Morris (continued)

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Morris School District	9/28	Additions to 3 elementary and middle schools; elevator installation at elementary school; new concession stand and lavatories at high school; renovations to elementary school.	$11.08	10%	**PASSED:** 1,752 - Yes 924 - No
Pequannock Township	12/8	Addition to 2 elementary schools; construction of administrative offices.	$5.5	18%	**PASSED:** 898 - Yes 739 - No
Randolph	10/13	An addition to middle school and administration building	$11.5	20%	**PASSED:** 1,709 - Yes 908 - No
Rockaway Township	10/13	Additions/renovations to an elementary and a middle school.	$10.253	n/a	**PASSED:** 1,677 - Yes 1,234 - No
Wharton	2/10	Additions to existing schools; completion of capital improvement projects.	$4.8	25%	**PASSED:** 388 - Yes 354 - No

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County: Ocean

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Little Egg Harbor	10/13	Addition and upgrades to primary school	$4.1	13%	**PASSED:** 592 - Yes 530 - No
Point Pleasant	2/24	Additions to two schools; furniture and equipment for additions.	$4.6	14%	**PASSED:** 934 -Yes 787 - No

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County: Passaic

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Hawthorne	12/15	New school expansion renovation	$17.864	n/a	**DEFEATED:** 1,287 - Yes 3,145 - No
West Paterson	12/22	Enlargement and renovation of 2 elementary schools	$3.324	16%	**PASSED:** 586 - Yes 522 - No

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County: Salem

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Pittsgrove	1/13	Middle school addition; high school renovation; minor additions to elementary school; air conditioning in elementary school;	$11.47	n/a	*Proposition 1* **DEFEATED:** 1,061- Yes 2,092 - No
Pittsgrove		expansion of high school auditorium; new music instructional areas.	$1.280		*Proposition 2* **DEFEATED**
Salem	10/13	Alternations, additions and/or repairs to three schools.	$5	13.6%	**PASSED:** 256 - Yes 150 - No

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County: Somerset

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Green Brook	10/13	Roof/window replacement	$3 (Total for all three questions)	26%	*Proposition 1* **PASSED:** 494 - Yes 181 - No
Green Brook		Electrical/ infrastructure upgrade			*Proposition 2* **PASSED:** 398 - Yes 267 - No
Green Brook		Technology purchase			*Proposition 3* **PASSED:** 367 - Yes 294 - No
Manville	1/98	Elementary school addition; building upgrade	$2.2	20%	**DEFEATED:** 504 - Yes 848 - No
North Plainfield	3/17	Additions to elementary schools; renovation at high school	$18.5	30.9%	**DEFEATED:** 1,298 - Yes 1,515 - No
Somerset Hills Regional	10/13	Additions and renovations to elementary school for growing enrollment/ smaller class sizes	$4.9	19.5%	**PASSED:** 633 - Yes 479 - No
Somerville	12/8	Addition/renovation of elementary school; middle school renovations to meet federal accessibility requirements; addition and renovation of high school.	$14.9	32%	**PASSED:** 1,139 - Yes 727 - No

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County: Sussex

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Vernon Township	10/13	Purchase land, construct fields, technology upgrade	$3.8	11%	PASSED: 729 - Yes 590 - No

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County: Union

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Garwood	3/17	Construct one new school facility to replace three buildings each over 80 years old.	$11.2	56.3%	DEFEATED: 725 - Yes 749 - No
Garwood	5/12	Construct one new school facility to replace three buildings each over 80 years old.	$10.9	58.9%	DEFEATED: 721 - Yes 808 - No
Hillside	6/12	Elementary School/ Pre-K to Grade 4 renovations; addition to Grade 5-6 school; addition/renovation to high school	$51.7	9%	DEFEATED: 464 - Yes 1,538 - No
Westfield	12/15	Classroom additions to two elementary schools; replacement of windows at two intermediate schools and high school; replacement of two roofs, renovation of nine rest rooms; cabling of elementary schools for technology.	$11.75	19.7%	PASSED: 2,800 - Yes 1,033 - No

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County: Warren

SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (in millions)	VOTER TURNOUT	RESULTS
Greenwich Township	1/15	New primary school and renovations of existing elementary school.	$11.965	50%	**PASSED:** 423 - Yes 387 - No
Hope	6/23	All-purpose room, stage, kitchen, bathroom and six classrooms, including science lab and music/art room.	$3.2	43%	**DEFEATED:** 167 - Yes 303 - No